(b) whether it is a fact that the ACRs have become highly personal and cardinal; and

(c) the steps proposed to change the system and make it transparent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In order to make the performance appraisal system transparent, it has been decided to disclose Performance Appraisal Reports to the officers reported upon and to constitute the Referral Boards to consider representations from the officers reported upon on the performance assessment.

**Age limit for getting jobs**

†1716. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar Government have raised the age-limit for getting jobs; and

(b) whether Government are also considering to raise the age-limit, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Matter raised does not concern the Government of India. However, the same is being collected from Government of Bihar.

(b) No proposal to raise the existing age-limit for recruitment to posts in the Government of India is presently under consideration.

**Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT)**

1717. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the broad objectives envisaged in constituting the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT);

(b) the details of number of cases dealt with by CAT since its inception till 30th June, 2006, year-wise;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the details of number of appeals preferred by Government against CAT orders and preferred by employees indicating number of cases where adjudicating Courts upheld CAT's ruling in appeals by Government and by employees, separately, year-wise; and

(d) the number of cases pending before CAT at the end of each year since 1999-2000 indicating number of new cases registered during the respective year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Central Administrative Tribunal has been set up for adjudication of disputes and complaints with respect to recruitment and conditions of service of persons appointed to the public services and posts in connection with the affairs of the Central Government.

(b) and (d) A Statement-I is attached (*See* below).

(c) A Statement-II is attached.

***Statement-I***

*Year-wise details of institution, disposal and pendency of cases in the Central Administrative Tribunal*

| Year | (Institution) cases Transferred from various courts (TA) and fresh cases (OA) field | Disposal during the year | Pendency at the end of the year |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1985 (November) | 2963 | 30 | 2933 |
| 1986 | 23177 | 8934 | 17176 |
| 1987 | 19410 | 15084 | 21502 |
| 1988 | 19425 | 13769 | 27158 |
| 1989 | 18602 | 13986 | 31774 |
| 1990 | 19283 | 15495 | 35562 |
| 1991 | 21623 | 17552 | 39633 |
| 1992 | 25184 | 23782 | 41035 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1993 | 27067 | 28074 | 40028 |
| 1994 | 26230 | 26409 | 39489 |
| 1995 | 25789 | 23668 | 41970 |
| 1996 | 23584 | 20667 | 44887 |
| 1997 | 23098 | 21981 | 46004 |
| 1998 | 21911 | 18394 | 49521 |
| 1999 | 22944 | 24566 | 47899 |
| 2000 | 25146 | 31398 | 41647 |
| 2001 | 25977 | 31953 | 35671 |
| 2002 | 25398 | 29514 | 31555 |
| 2003 | 25089 | 28076 | 28568 |
| 2004 | 23825 | 27735 | 24658 |
| 2005 | 21528 | 22408 | 23778 |
| Upto June 2006 | 9083 | 8276 | 24585 |
| TOTAL | 476336 | 451751 | |

***Statement-II***

*Year-wise details of appeal referred by Government and employees against orders of the Central Administrative Tribunal*

(A) Appeals referred by Government

| Year | No. of appeals preferred by Government against CAT rulings | No. of cases in which adjudicating courts upheld CAT rulings |
|---|---|---|
| 2001 | 685 | 398 |
| 2002 | 617 | 314 |
| 2003 | 731 | 363 |
| 2004 | 853 | 348 |
| 2005 | 523 | 340 |
| Upto June, 2006 | 255 | 116 |

(B) Appeals preferred by employees

| Year | No. of appeals preferred by employees against CAT rulings | No. of cases in which adjudicating courts upheld CAT rulings |
|---|---|---|
| 2001 | 632 | 373 |
| 2002 | 775 | 382 |
| 2003 | 767 | 354 |
| 2004 | 873 | 452 |
| 2005 | 715 | 403 |
| Upto June, 2006 | 241 | 157 |

**IAS officers in Central Services**

1718. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of IAS officers in Central Services;

(b) whether voluntary retirement scheme is extended to this cadre;

(c) if so, the details of monetary incentive and package offer therefor to such optees;

(d) to what extent it would cost the exchequer; and

(e) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) A total of 706 IAS officers are working with the Central Government as on 1.08.2006.

(b) No such scheme has been extended to this cadre.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

**Reservation in Government jobs**

†1719. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether fifty per cent seats in Government jobs are reserved;

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